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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE LEGAL: MOON TREATY -- NATURAL
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1. IN ORDER TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP INSTRUCTIONS
REQUESTED REFTEL, WE REQUEST DELEGATION' S COMMENTS ON
FOLLOWING POINTS.

2. WE CONCUR IN POSITION TAKEN BY DELEGATION ON PROPOSAL
FOR MORATORIUM ON EXPLOITATION OF LUNAR RESOURCES PENDING
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGREED INTERNATIONAL REGIME (PARA 2
REFTEL). AT SAME TIME, INITIAL READING OF ITALIAN TEXT
(PARA 4 REFTEL) SUGGESTS THAT THAT TEXT WOULD, IN EFFECT,
ESTABLISH MORATORIUM FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) PARA 2 REFERS NOT ONLY TO SURFACE OR SUB- SURFACE
OF MOON (AS DID ARTICLE X(2) OF TEXT CONTAINED IN 1972
OSLS REPORT), BUT ALSO TO " PARTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES".
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SINCE ARTICLE PROHIBITS THESE FROM BECOMING " PROPERTY" OF VARIOUS ENTITIES OR PERSONS, ARTICLE WOULD SEEM TO PROHIBIT RESOURCES FROM BEING REDUCED TO POSSESSION, WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR EXPLOITATION, UNTIL DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL REGIME.

(B) THIS INTERPRETATION WOULD BE REINFORCED BY REFERENCE TO ARTICLE V(2) WHICH REFERS TO REMOVAL OF RESOURCES RESULTS OF RECENT LAGOS MEETING. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY SOURCES, TWO SIDES UNDERTOOK TO MEET AGAIN IN ABIDJAN IN MAY WITH VIEW TOWARD ESTABLISHING COMMON POSITION BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES IN MAURITIUS IN JUNE.
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